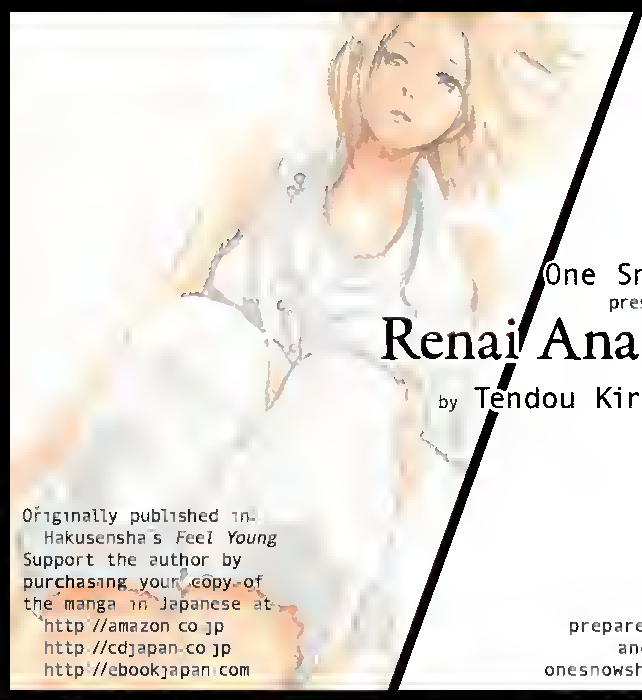

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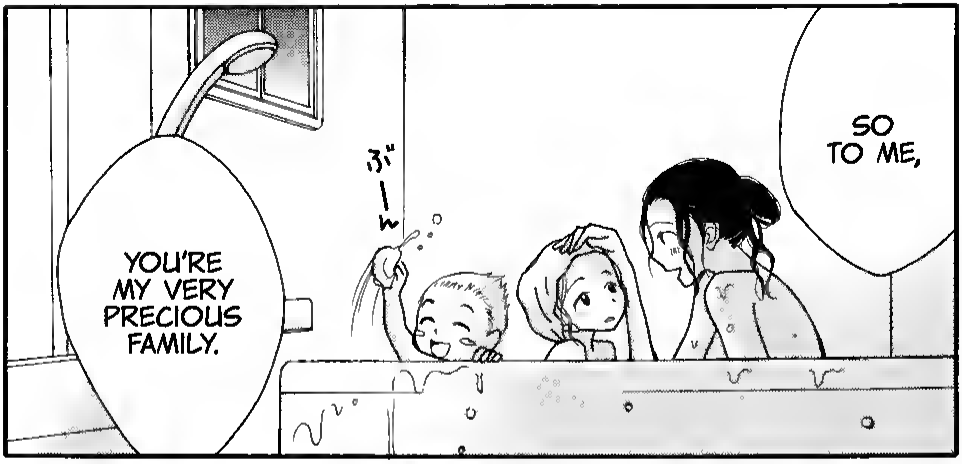
Chapter 1

HEY MOOOM!
WHO DO YOU LOVE THE MOST IN OUR FAMILY?
WELL, LET'S SEE.
EVERYONE I GUESS?
EHHH?! COME ONNN! THAT'S SO BOOO-RING!
YOU HAVE TO PICK SOME-ONE!
EH...
BUT I CAN'T PICK JUST ONE PERSON, SATSUKI.
I MEAN, I LOVE YOU, AND YUUYA,
AND YOUR FATHER ALL SO MUCH.


SO TO ME,
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YOU'RE MY VERY PRECIOUS FAMILY.

My mother smiled as she said that,
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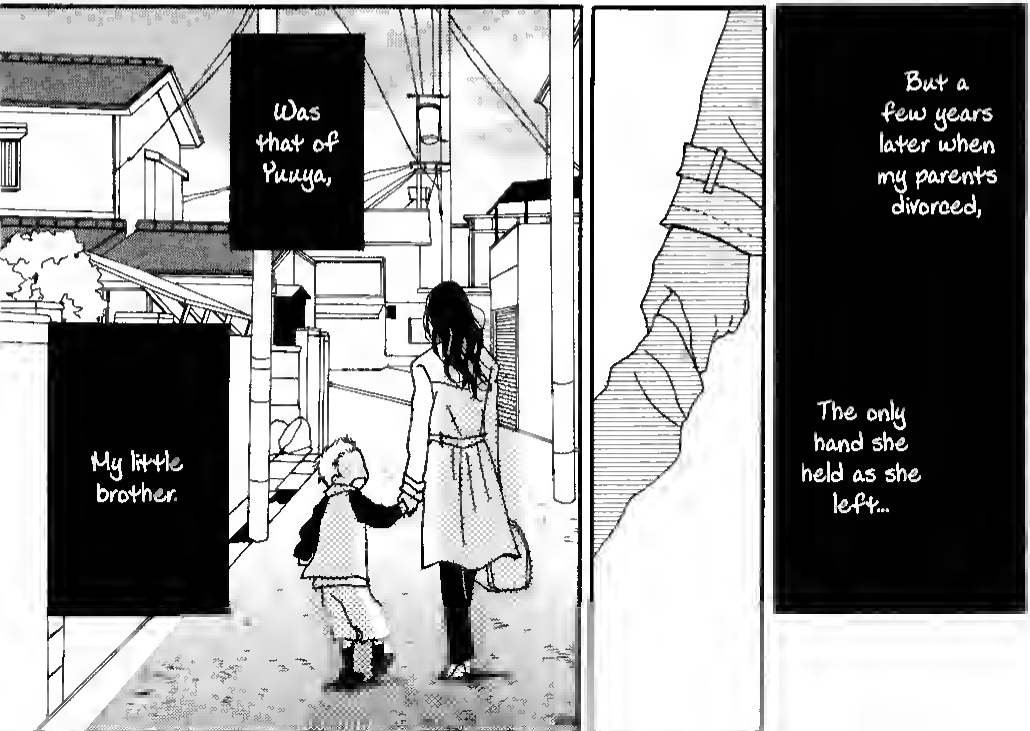
Was that of Yuuya,
My little brother.
But a few years later when my parents divorced,
The only hand she held as she left...

SATSUKI-CHAN,
YAMA-CHAN'S LEAVING. SO YOU CAN HEAD OUT, TOO.
UHH... OKAY.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
BE CAREFUL GETTING HOME!
.....

CLICK
Yama-chan is a regular who works for some pharmaceutical company.
Every Friday night,
Hmmm? WHAT NOW?
OH, NOTHING.
I SEE YOU'RE AS QUICK TO FLIP THE SWITCH AS EVER.
Ha Ha Ha
As soon as he exits our lounge,
He turns into a completely different person.
Fuuu....

ALL OF US SALARYMEN ARE THE SAME.
OH YEAH?
BEATS ME.
I met him a year ago now.
HEY SA-TSUKI-CHAN,
CLEAN UP TABLE A AND THEN GO GET SOME WATER.
AH!
COM-ING RIGHT UP!
カチャ
I'M SORRY THE SHOP'S SO HECTIC TODAY, YAMA-CHAN.
IT'S FINE. REALLY.
He noticed me my very first day on the job.
WOULD YOU MIND IF I BORR-OWED THIS GIRL FOR THE NIGHT?
BY THE WAY, MA'AM,
Haa
Haa

WHAT...
EHHH?!
WHAT'S GOING ON, YAMA-CHAN?!
HOW RARE!
YOU ALWAYS LEAVE BY YOUR-SELF!
I MEAN, SHE'S NOT IN THE LEAST BIT SEXY.
.....
Hahaha
THIS WAY, I WON'T BE TEMPTED.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YOU'RE RIGHT!
THAT'S SO YOU, YAMA-CHAN!
OUR SELF-PRO-CLAIMED DEVOTED HUSBAND!
Haha Haha
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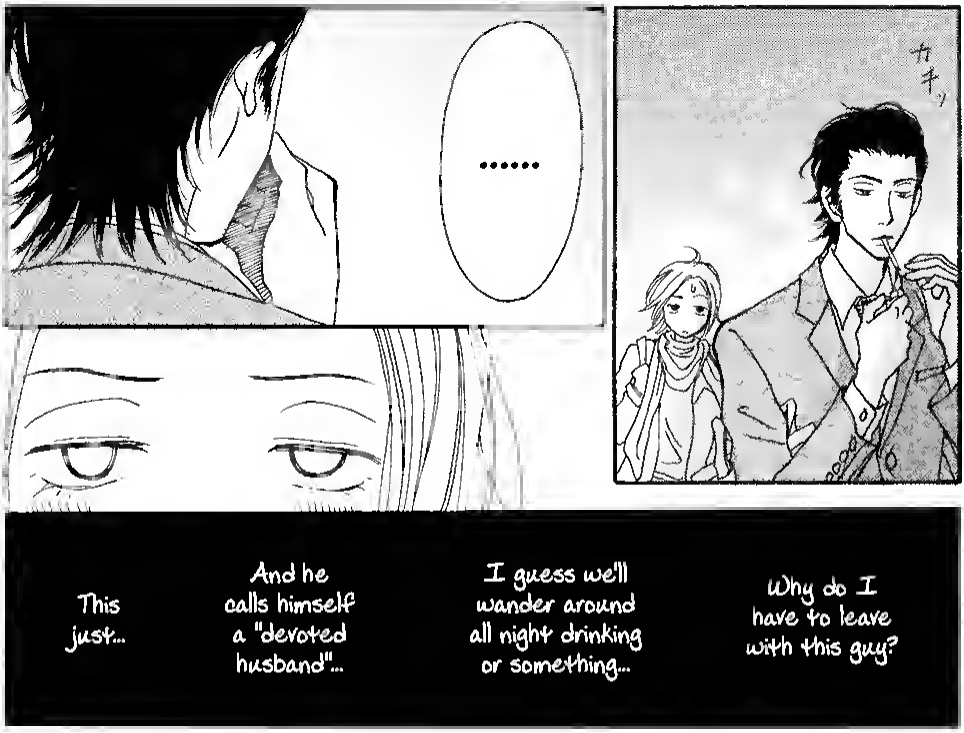
Truth be told,
My first impression of him was abysmal...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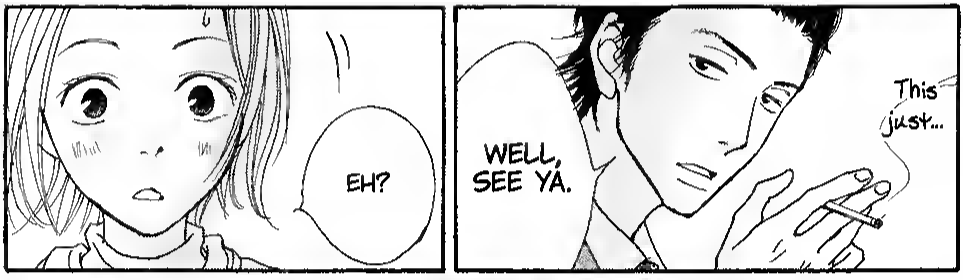
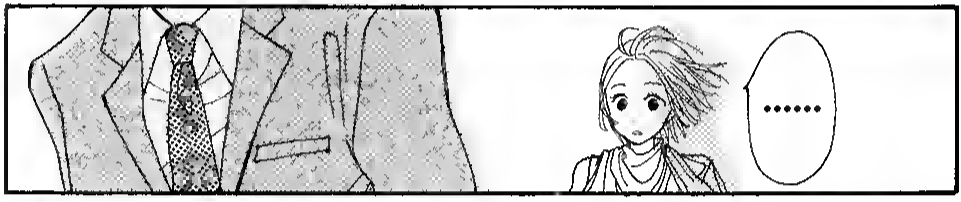
This just...
And he calls himself a "devoted husband"...
I guess we'll wander around all night drinking or something...
Why do I have to leave with this guy?


EH?
WELL, SEE YA.
This just...

HUH?!
NOPE.
AH... Umm, THEN YOU DIDN'T WANT TO GO ANY...

THEY WERE WORKING YOU TO THE BONE EVEN THOUGH IT WAS YOUR FIRST DAY.
ALL I DID WAS SPRING YOU.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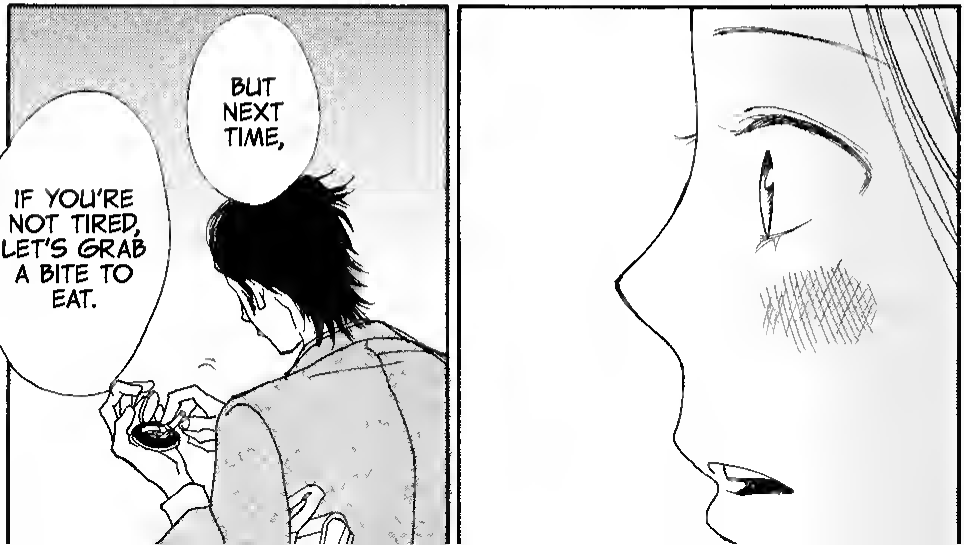
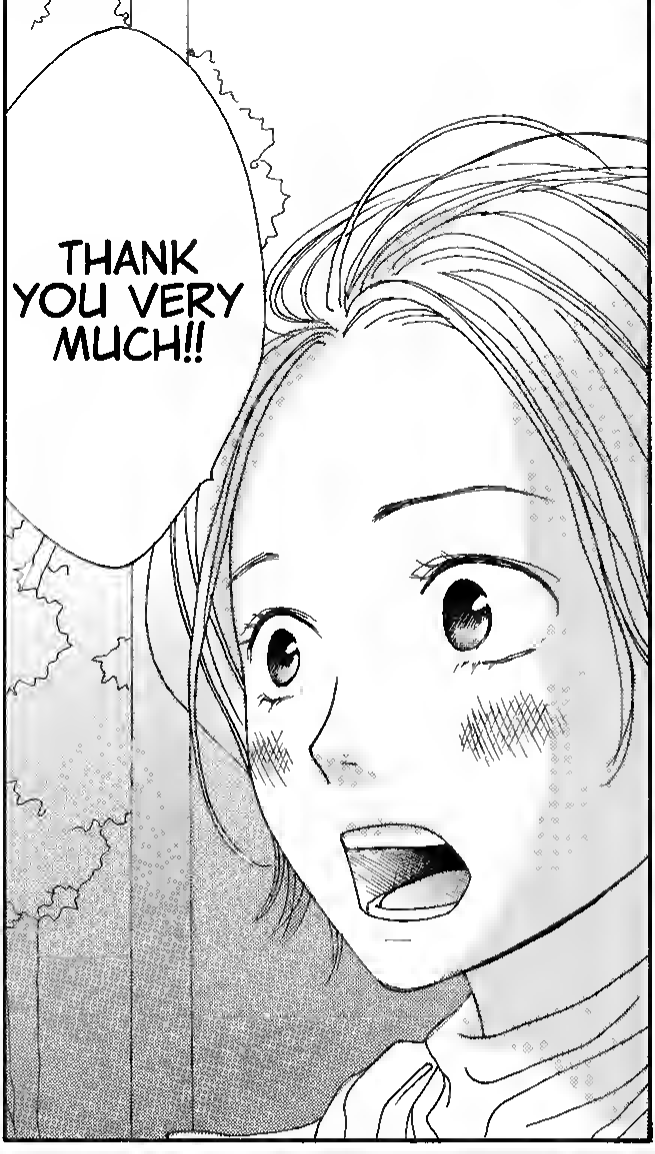
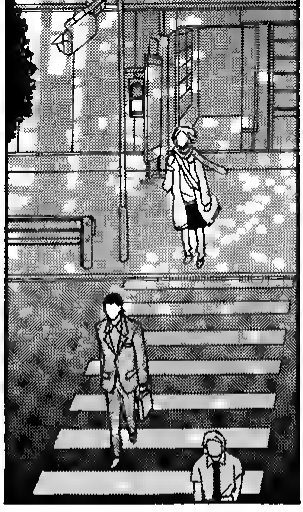
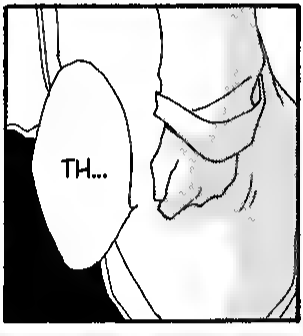

BUT NEXT TIME,
IF YOU'RE NOT TIRED, LET'S GRAB A BITE TO EAT.







I was happy.

On a day when I felt so overwhelmed in that little box of a room,

Someone noticed me.

SO, YAMA-CHAN,
WHAT'S YOUR WIFE LIKE?
EH?
NO REASON REALLY....
WHY?
IN THAT CASE,
THERE ISN'T ANY REASON YOU SHOULD BE ASKING ABOUT HER, IS THERE?
.....
The reason he can draw that line so easily...
EAT UP. YOUR NOODLES WILL GET COLD.
An invisible boundary lay between us.
...RIGHT.

I BIKED TO WORK TODAY!!
...OH NO!
Must be that Yama-chan has....
Someone special in his mind's eye.
EH...
WANNA WAIT IT OUT?
MAYBE AT A HOTEL?

But,
This kind of offhand joke...
JUST KIDDING.
.....
RIGHT.
Could easily turn into something serious.
AH...
SATSUKI!
ACTUALLY, I THINK I'LL JUST BIKE HOME ANYWAY.
?!

SATSUKI...
HEY! YOU'LL CATCH A COLD!
So I have to banish this thought
Before we're enthralled in it.

If I leave right now,
I should still be in time.
BUZZ
BUZZ
HELLO?
YEAH...
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ

YOU WEREN'T AT WORK YESTERDAY.
I'M SORRY...
COUGH COUGH COUGH
WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
I TOLD YOU YOU'D CATCH A COLD.
...YAMA-CHAN?
EH....
I'LL BE RIGHT OVER.
THAT FEELS NICE...
YOU'RE NOT A KID ANY-MORE.
JEEZ. LEARN TO THINK BEFORE YOU ACT.
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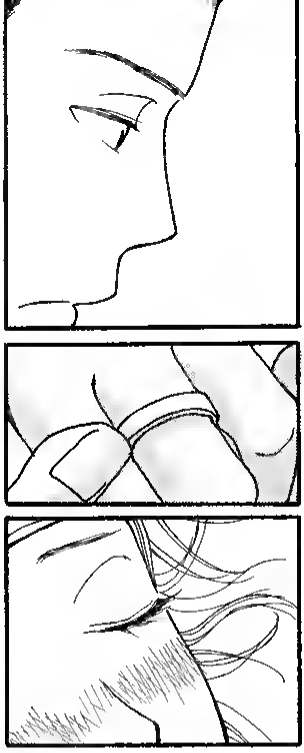
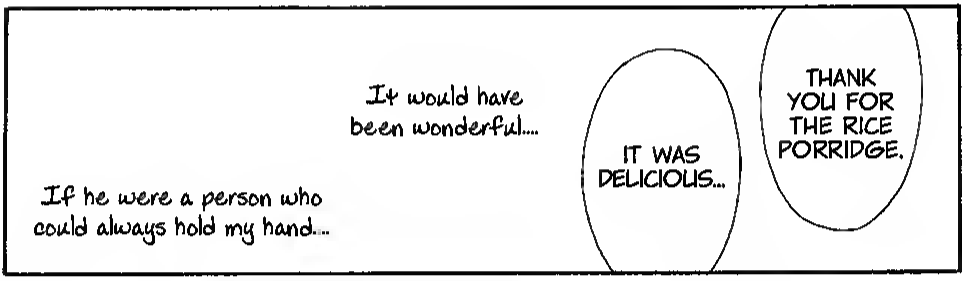
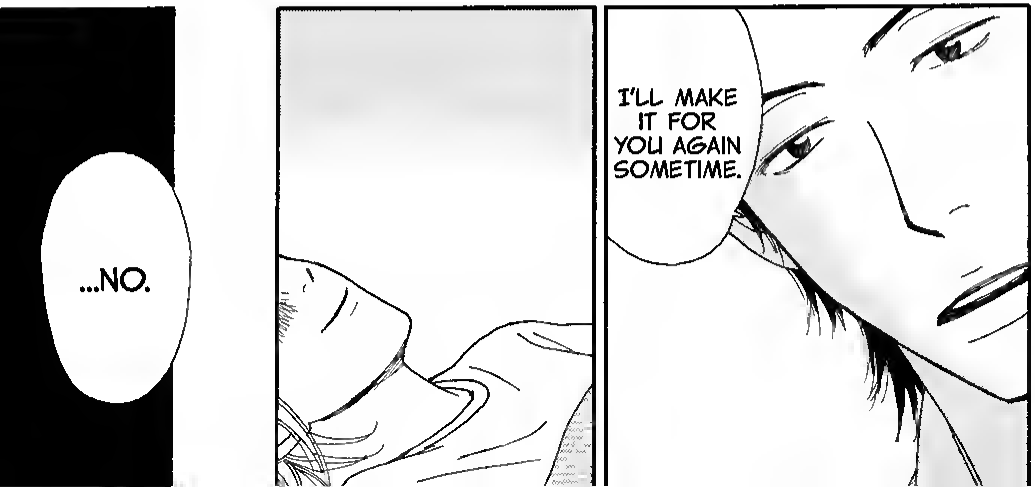
HEY, HEY. YOU ALL RIGHT?
HAHAHA... NOW I FEEL LIKE LAUGH-ING.
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING NUTS FROM FEVER.
Heh...
.....
IT'S NOT THAT...
NO,
ONCE YOU WALKED THROUGH THE DOOR,
THE WHOLE ROOM FELT BRIGHTER.

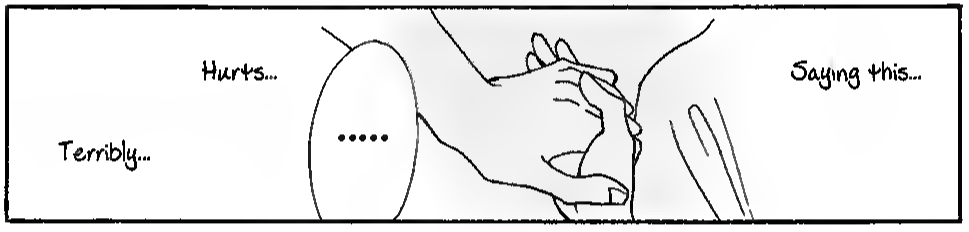
HONESTLY, I WAS KIND OF ANXIOUS.
"WHAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF I HAD COLLA-PSED BY MYSELF?" AND SO FORTH...
.....
THEN TRY TO GET SOME REST WHILE I'M STILL HERE.
I MEAN, I CAN'T PUT IT WELL, BUT...
ONCE YOU'RE ASLEEP,
I'LL DROP YOUR KEY IN YOUR MAILBOX AND HEAD ON HOME.


Yama-chan's hand...
Feels so nice...


If he were a person who could always hold my hand...
It would have been wonderful....
IT WAS DELICIOUS...
THANK YOU FOR THE RICE PORRIDGE.

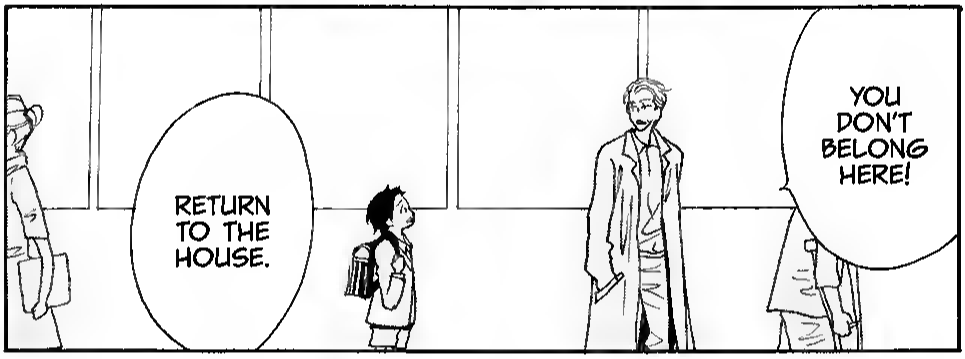

...NO.
I'LL MAKE IT FOR YOU AGAIN SOMETIME.

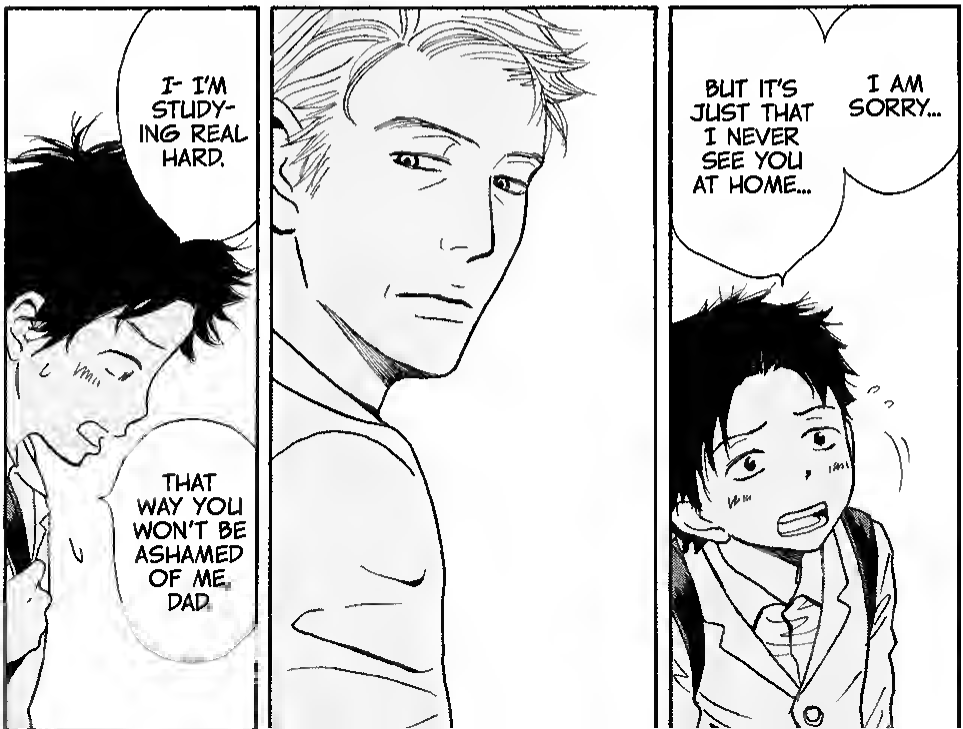
DON'T EVER COME BACK HERE.


Hurts...
Terribly...
.....
Saying this...

BUT YOU DON'T BELONG HERE, YAMA-CHAN...
I'LL SEE YOU...
AT THE SHOP....

"How many times do I have to tell you before you get it?!"


RETURN TO THE HOUSE.
YOU DON'T BELONG HERE!


I- I'M STUDY-ING REAL HARD.
THAT WAY YOU WON'T BE ASHAMED OF ME, DAD.
BUT IT'S JUST THAT I NEVER SEE YOU AT HOME...
I AM SORRY...

SO...
PLEASE DON'T IGNORE ME ANYMORE!
COULD THIS BE YOUR SON, DR. YAMA-UCHI?
OH MY!
INDEED.
HIS NAME IS KEI.
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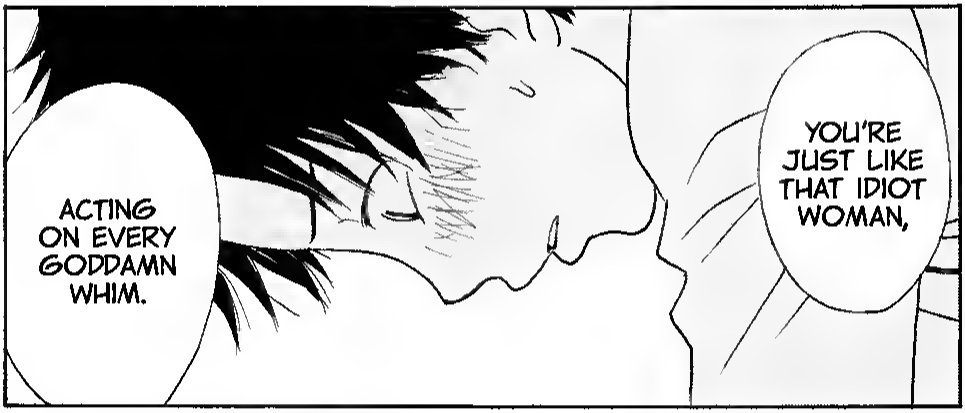
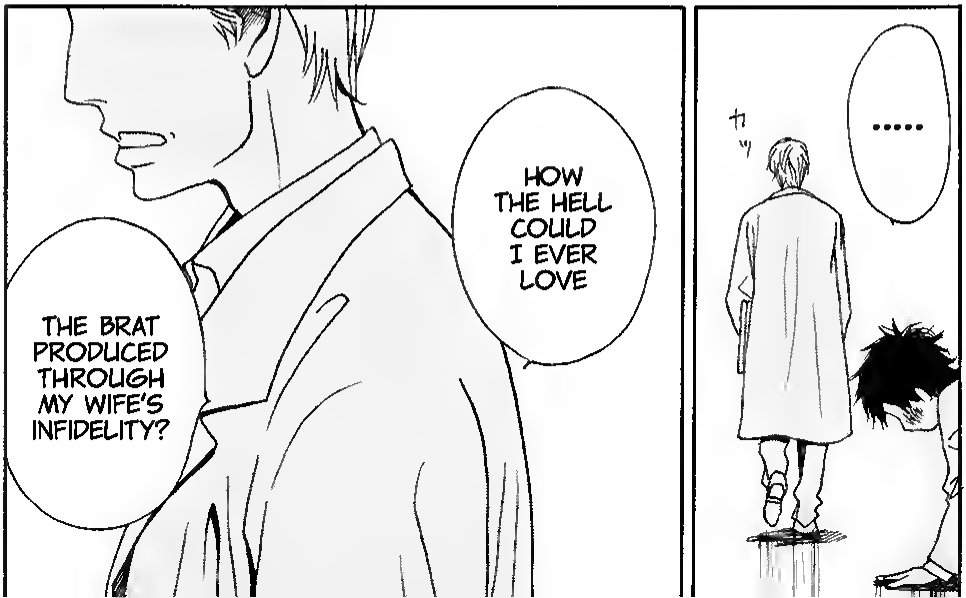
LEARN YOUR PLACE, BOY.


YOU'RE JUST LIKE THAT IDIOT WOMAN,
ACTING ON EVERY GODDAMN WHIM.


HOW THE HELL COULD I EVER LOVE
THE BRAT PRODUCED THROUGH MY WIFE'S INFIDELITY?
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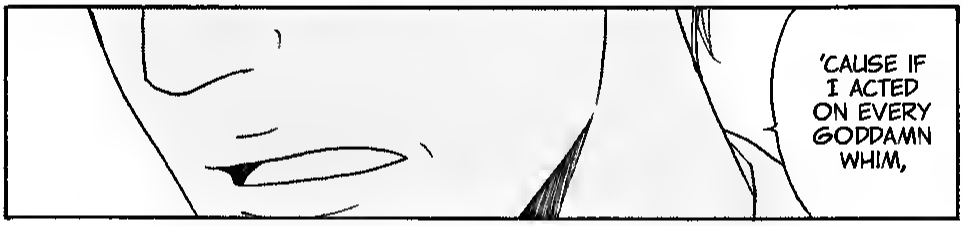
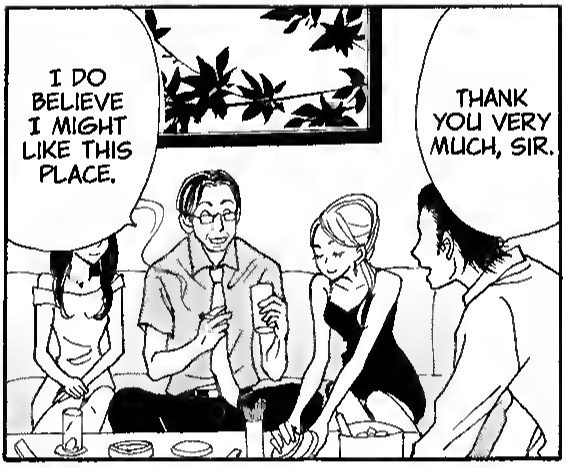
BE GRATEFUL YOU EVEN CAME INTO THIS WORLD.


'CAUSE IF I ACTED ON EVERY GODDAMN WHIM,

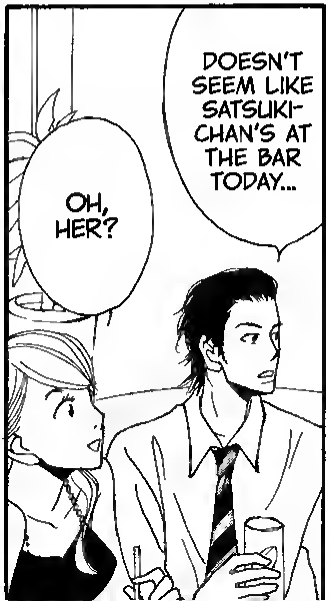
I WOULD'VE KILLED YOU AND YOUR FUCKING MOTHER
A LONG, *LONG* TIME AGO.

WHAT A FINE SPOT THIS IS, YAMAUCHI-KUN.

HA HA HA HA


I DO BELIEVE I MIGHT LIKE THIS PLACE.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.

SHE'S SERVING SOME CUSTOMERS IN THE CORNER BOOTH.


DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SATSUKI-CHAN'S AT THE BAR TODAY...
OH, HER?

GO GET THE BOSS.
WHAT'S WRONG?
THE GUYS IN THE CORNER BOOTH ARE IN A BLIND SPOT.
AND THEY'VE GOT THEIR HANDS ALL OVER SATSUKI-CHAN.
WHAT? YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?!
IT'S SEXUAL HARASS-MENT!
Hnnn...
Way to go, managing director!!

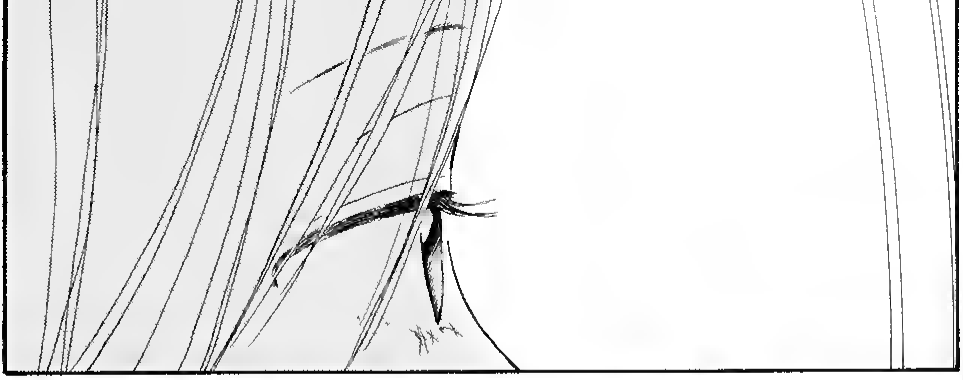
NOT REALLY.
ARE YOU MAD OR SOME-THING, YAMA-CHAN?
BUT...
LEAVE YOUR BIKE HERE TONIGHT.
I'M TAKING YOU HOME.
.....

I REALLY DID MY BEST TODAY.
AND I EVEN GOT THEM TO OPEN THEIR VERY OWN BOTTLE.

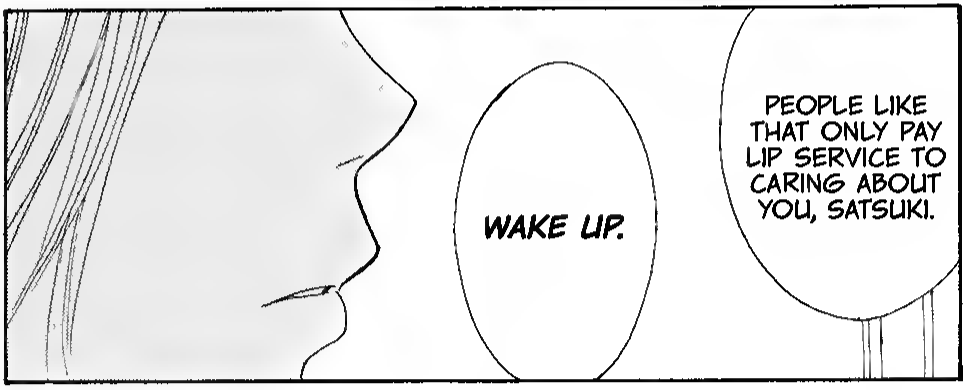
.....

AND MY BOSS,
SHE WAS REALLY HAPPY WITH ME.
AND SHE WAS SAYING IT'D BE NICE IF THOSE GUYS CAME BACK NEXT WEEK, TOO.

AND AFTER THAT...
CAN'T YOU TELL THAT YOU'RE JUST BEING *USED*?



YOU'RE WAY TOO QUICK
TO TRUST PEOPLE IN THE FIRST PLACE.


PEOPLE LIKE THAT ONLY PAY LIP SERVICE TO CARING ABOUT YOU, SATSUKI.
WAKE UP.

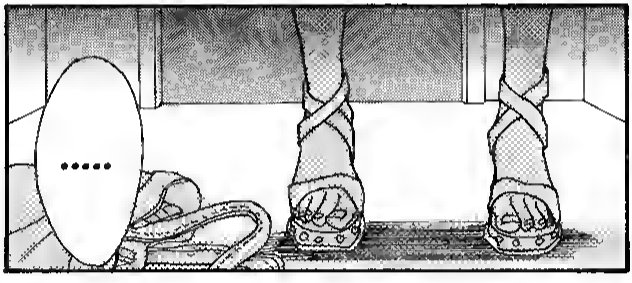
"I can't pick..."
"...just one person, Satsuki."

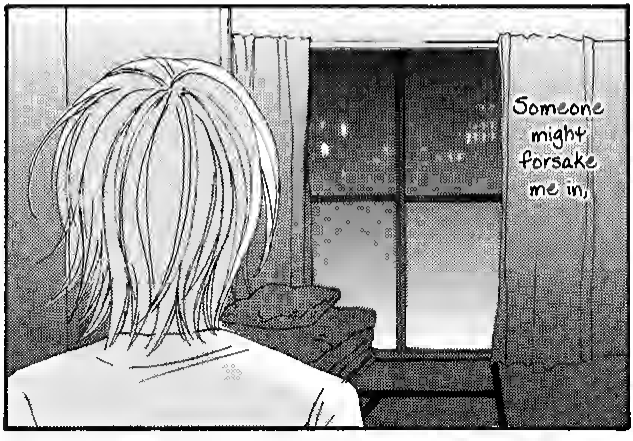
"...and your father all so much."
"I mean, I love you, and Puuya..."
I DON'T TRUST THEM.
.....
AND I DON'T TRUST MY BOSS.
AND I DON'T TRUST YOU EITHER.

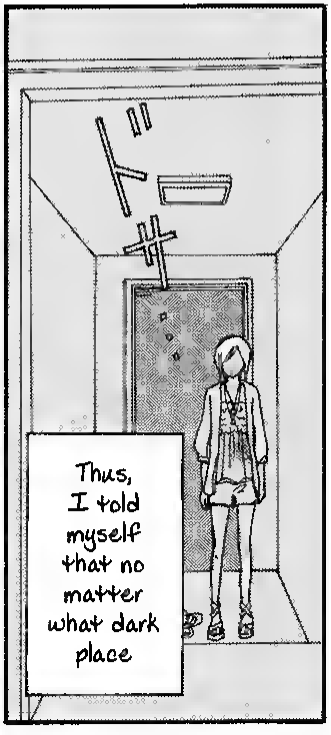
SO THAT'S WHY
I'M FINE WITH JUST BEING USED.
I had decided
To simply go on living.

Never counting on anyone.

Never expecting anything.

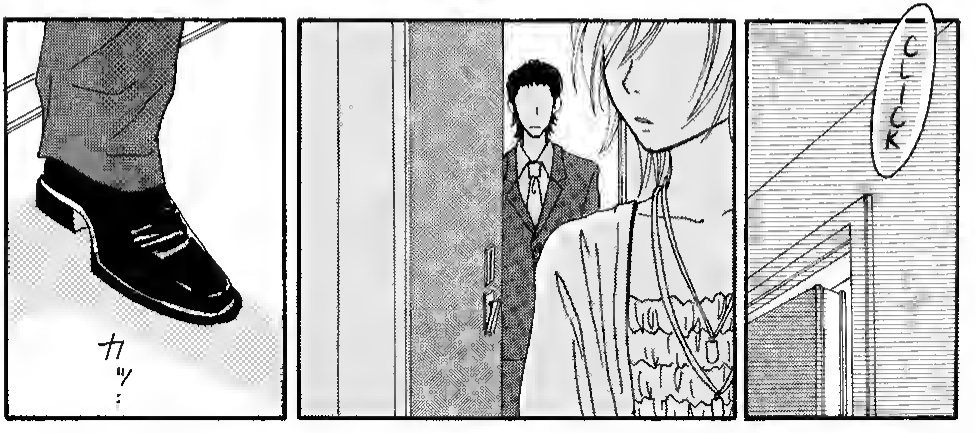






I would never abandon myself.

I would go on living.



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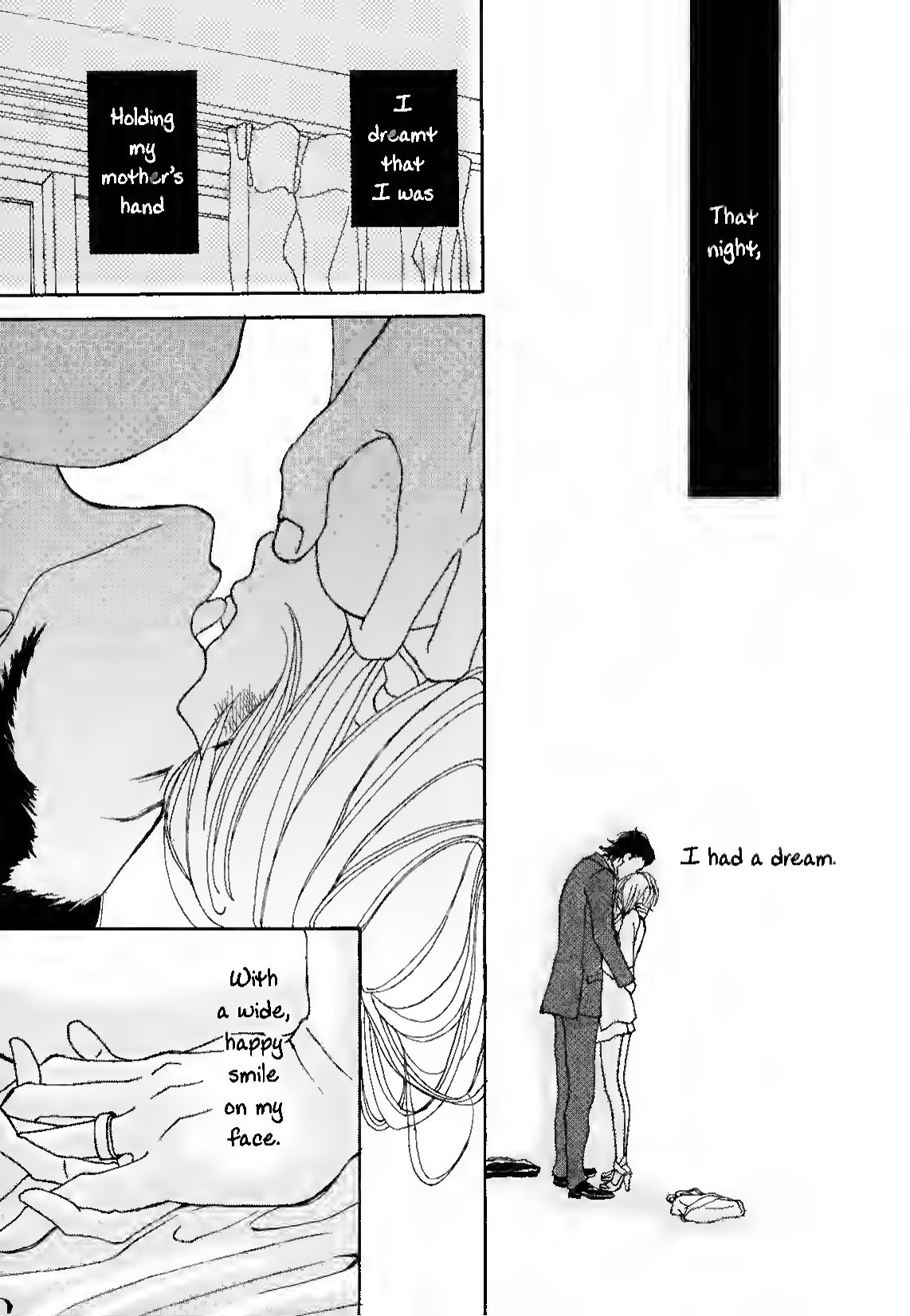
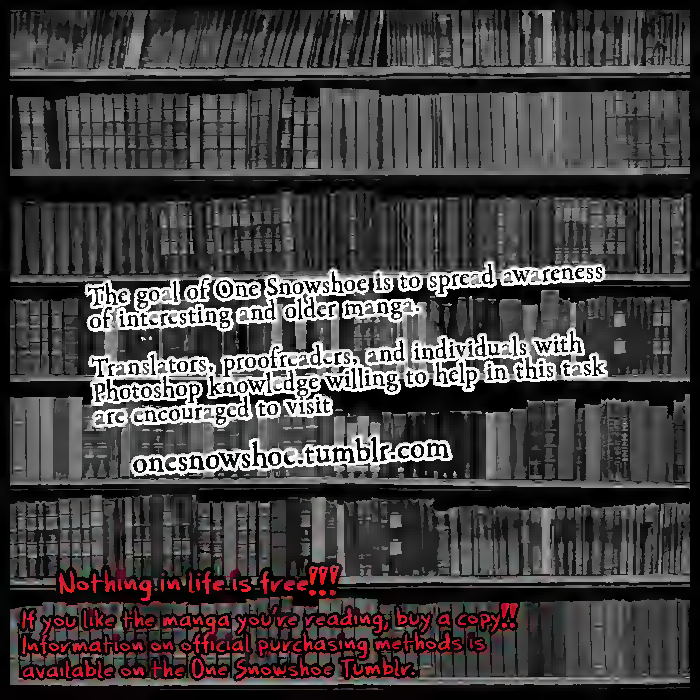

That night,
I had a dream.
I dreamt that I was
Holding my mother's hand
With a wide, happy smile on my face.

Please,
Let me stay me.
But if one day
I can see the end,
Even if that day
should come...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